



Learning Partners were busy in August getting up-close to the animals at the Northwest Michigan Fair and up-close to nature at the Grand Traverse Conservation District trails. The annual back-to-school celebration included a guided nature hike, picnic dinner and backpacks filled with school supplies!

Learning Partners received their new backpacks thanks to Rotary Sunrise. Thank you, for your support again this year! (If your student was unable to attend, his/her backpack is available for pick-up at the Volunteer Services Office).

Learning Partners are looking forward to fall and all of the learning opportunities. Volunteer Services is hoping to add some new or “re-newed” volunteers to the Learning Partners Program. There are students waiting for help, and there will be several more in the coming months. Please consider whether you, or someone you know, might enjoy helping a student at school.

The **2015 General Orientation** will take place **October 12th and 13th**. Please contact Laura with any questions or interest as an existing volunteer. Also, pass along this information to anyone you know who may be interested in joining us in October to learn more about the important programs Probate and Family Court Volunteer Services has to offer. [231-922-4827 or ljordan@grandtraverse.org]



New Vision Academy 2015, comes to a close!

Many thanks to the dozens of facilitators, community agencies and volunteers who made this summers New Vision a success!



Three delicious desserts were made by all the students.



Reigning Liberty Ranch
Field Trip



Dessert making with Sue Schmidt and Maswe Hennrick, for the Completion Ceremony.



School resumes September 8th. Volunteer Services and the Truancy Intervention Dept. will continue to collaborate during the parent/youth classes throughout the school year.

Heather Prevo, formerly the Truancy Coordinator has taken a new position as the Therapeutic Court Coordinator. As this transition is underway we will keep you updated on a refresh meeting and a meet and greet with the new Truancy Coordinator.

SEPTEMBER

Deborah Bloxsom
Jeri Cooke
Diane Cowley
John Evans
Peggy Friess
Gayenell Gentelia
Philip Hamburg
Paul Hathaway
Michael Herron
Jessica Horness
Donald Hutchinson
Alexander Moore
Jeana Paquet
Patricia Marar
Marilyn Vlach
Maryann Wichtner
Susan Wilgus
Diana Zapalski

OCTOBER

Alfa Binkley
Violet Brott
Barbara Counsell
Nancy Crandall
James Dawson
James Doman
Joseph Fraser
Margaret Gove
Lisa Hoffman
Brenda Knaack
Robin Komrsk
Rachel Ottman
Dolores Rode
Sue Soderberg
Sara Stargardt
David Speirs
Thad Shumway
Carol Valko
James Valko

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Save the Date!

Events and Trainings on the horizon....

General Orientation— Probate & Family Court Volunteer Opportunities

October 12th and 13th, 2015

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice

Lower-Level-Multi Purpose Room

General Orientation offers an overview of all the volunteer opportunities Probate & Family Court has to offer and where you will best fit, in our mission to make a difference.

Contact **Lindsey Jordan** for more information:
231-922-4827 or ljordan@grandtraverse.org

RDSS Transporter Training— Refresh or New Volunteer

September 29th and 30th, 2015

{times to be announced}

Robert P. Griffin Hall of Justice

Lower Level, Multi Purpose Room

*RDSS training is required for all active transporters. Volunteer Services is encouraging existing transporters who have been trained **five** or more years, attend for a refresh.*

Please contact **Lindsey** with any questions:
231-922-4827 or ljordan@grandtraverse.org

****If you know of anyone interested in being a transporter, please have them call the office.**

**Know someone interested in being a Volunteer with Probate
& Family Court? Send them to the Expo, booth #2!**





**VOLUNTEERS IN
PREVENTION/PROBATION**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MELANIE D. STANTON, PROBATE & FAMILY COURT JUDGE

280 Washington St., Suite B 150, Traverse City, MI 49684

231-922-4827

Or Current Resident

Learning Partners

1st Tuesday-4:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

(note: date change for back to school)

Tuesday, October 6, 2015



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

3rd Tuesday- 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015



***All meetings are held at the Volunteer Services office unless otherwise mentioned.**

The newsletter is going digital! Volunteer Services will continue to have paper copies at the office as well as a few extra to mail out to anyone who doesn't have email.

If you have not provided Volunteer Services with your email address, please send a message, so we can add you to the list.

sbaker2@grandtraverse.org.

If you do *not* have email, please give Sue or Lindsey a call (922-4827) and let us know so we can continue to mail you a copy.

Thank you!

